

# I am the Vine.

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# Outline

- ▶ We been grafted into the family of God
- ▶ Jesus is the vine, we are the branches
- ▶ Symbolism of Baptism
- ▶ Easter

## Romans 11:17-24

- ▶ 17 If some of these branches from Abraham's tree—some of the people of Israel—have been broken off. And you Gentiles, who were branches from a wild olive tree, **have been grafted in**. So now you also receive the blessing God has promised Abraham and his children, sharing in the rich nourishment from the root of God's special olive tree. 18 But you must not brag about being grafted in to replace the branches that were broken off. You are just a branch, not the root.

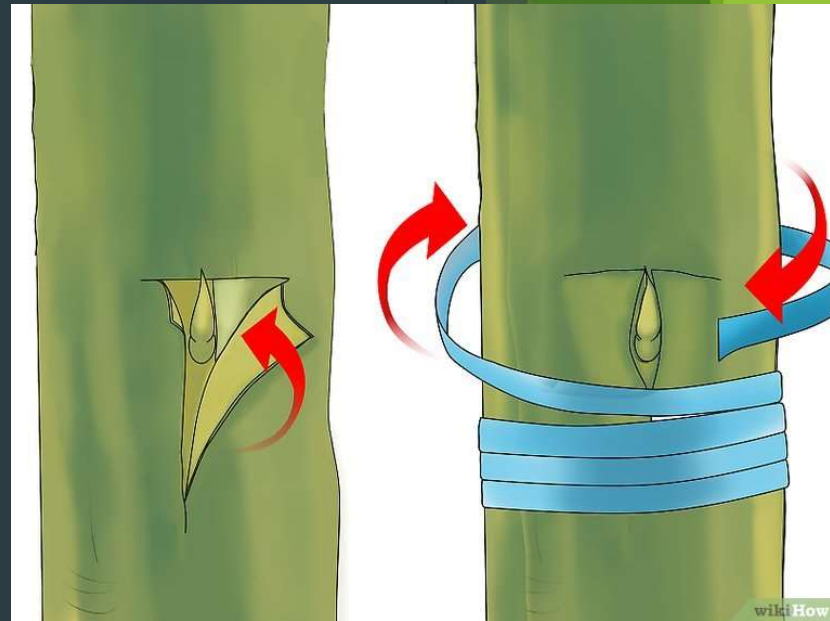
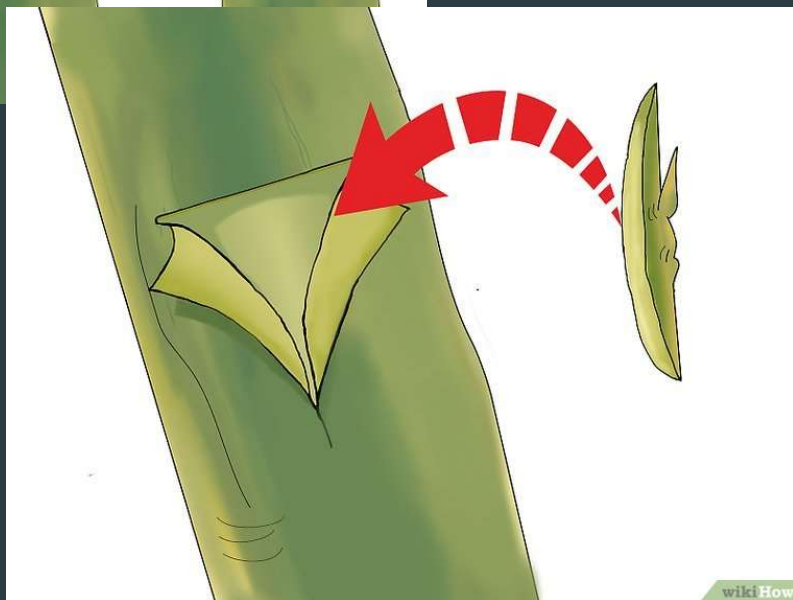
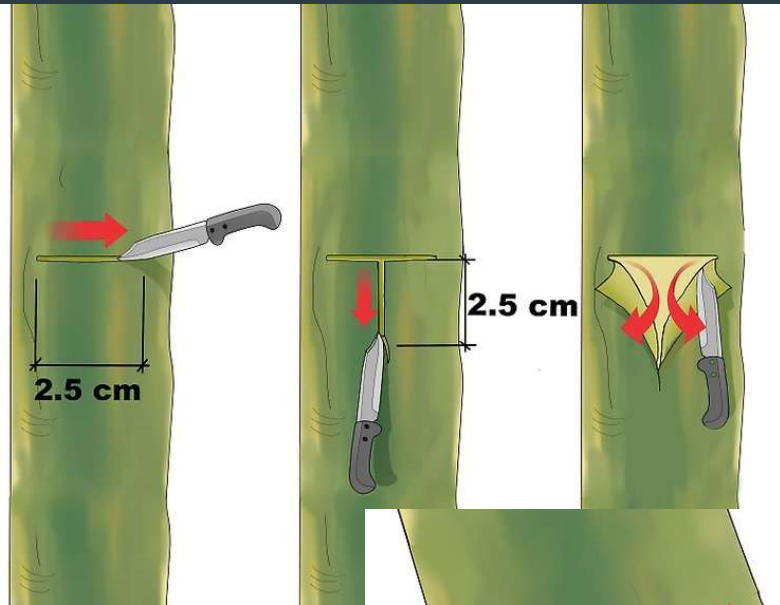
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- ▶ 19 “Well,” you may say, “those branches were broken off to make room for me.” 20 Yes, but remember—those branches were broken off because they didn’t believe in Christ, and you are there because you do believe. So don’t think highly of yourself, but fear what could happen. 21 For if God did not spare the original branches, he won’t spare you either.

## Romans 11:17-24

- ▶ 22 Notice how God is both kind and severe. He is severe toward those who disobeyed, but kind to you if you continue to trust in his kindness. But **if you stop trusting, you also will be cut off.** 23 And if the people of Israel turn from their unbelief, they will be grafted in again, for God has the power to graft them back into the tree. 24 **You, by nature, were a branch cut from a wild olive tree.** So if God was willing to do something contrary to nature by grafting you into his cultivated tree, he will be far more eager to graft the original branches back into the tree where they belong.

# Tree Grafting

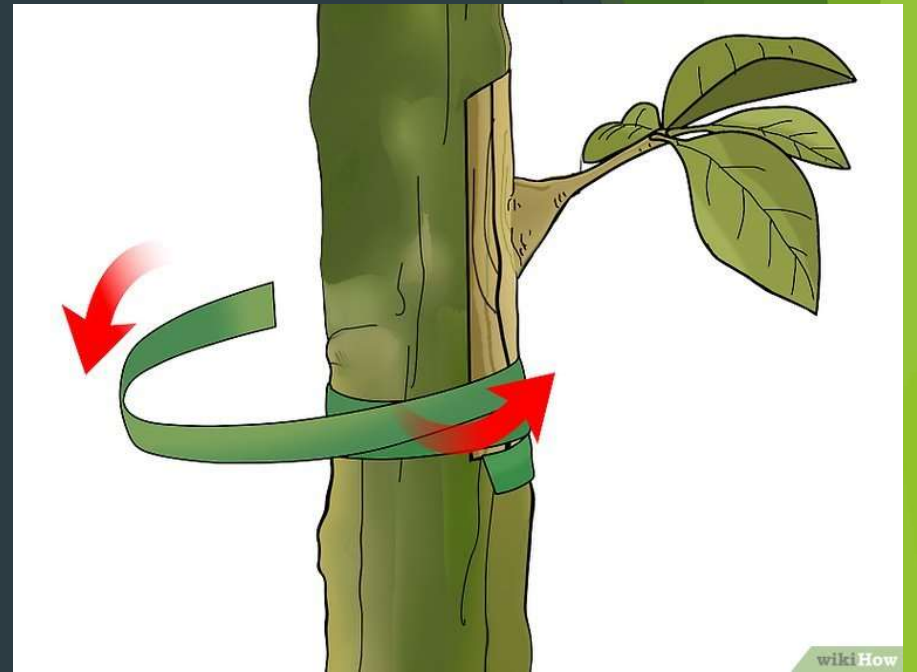
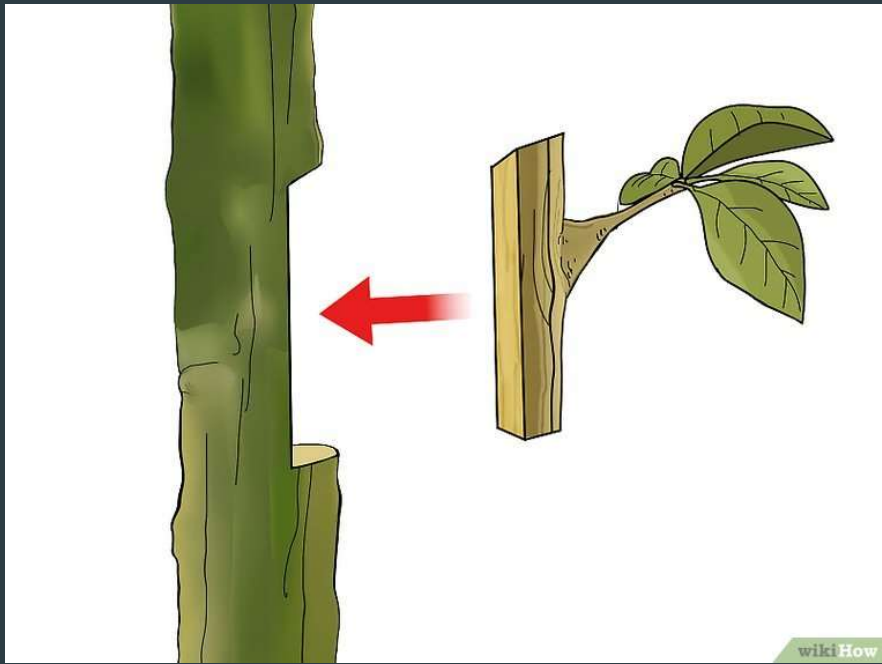


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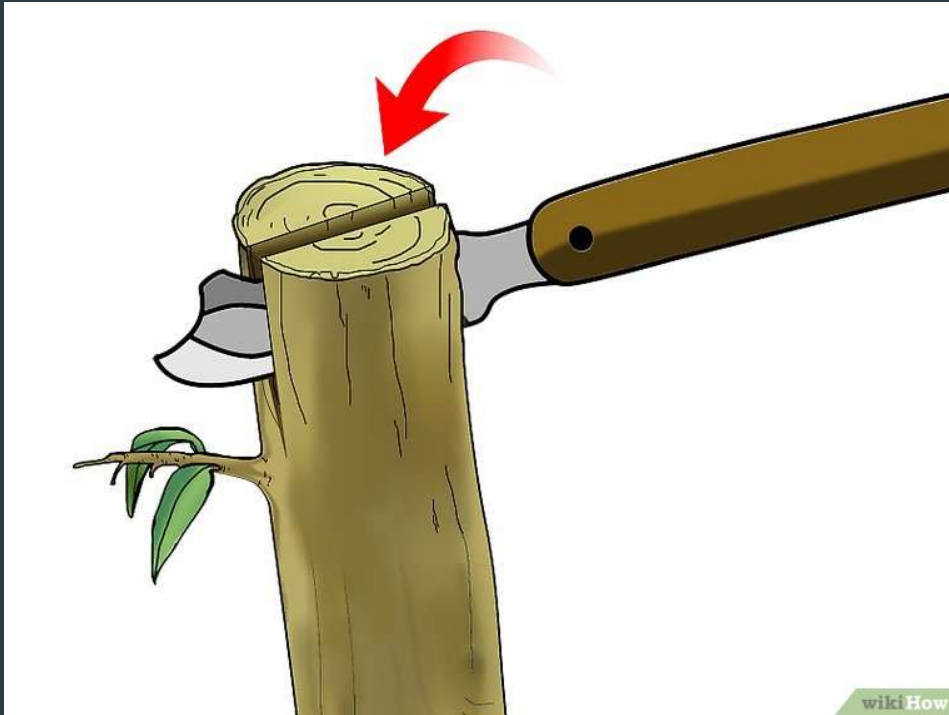
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## Root of Jesse

- ▶ Root provides robust life for many saplings
- ▶ Isaiah 11:10 - In that day the **Root** of Jesse will stand as a **banner** for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

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How does that look, practically?

# You are called to bear much fruit!

## John 15:1-8

- ▶ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> **Remain in me, as I also remain in you.** No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.



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- ▶ <sup>5</sup> “I am the vine; you are the branches. **If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit**; apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> **If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.** <sup>7</sup> **If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.** <sup>8</sup> **This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit**, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

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# How will you bear fruit?

- ▶ Bring others to Christ
  - ▶ Show them Jesus!
  - ▶ Pray for them ([All America app](#))
  - ▶ Bless people by doing acts of kindness for/with them
  - ▶ Invite them to Easter

## How will you bear fruit?

- ▶ Everyone has a Ministry, find yours!
  - ▶ The Body of Christ is lacking if you aren't participating in it!
  - ▶ Volunteer at Shepherd's Heart on March 21<sup>st</sup>
  - ▶ Distribute welcome bags on April 5<sup>th</sup>
  - ▶ Serve moms in prison on May 8<sup>th</sup>

# How will you bear fruit?

- ▶ Celebrate success stories
  - ▶ Baptisms on March 28<sup>th</sup>!
  - ▶ Baptisms in May, by faith

Go in peace, abide in the Vine!

## Backup Verses

- ▶ Gal 2:20 - <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.
- ▶ Deut 5:9 - You bless to the 1000<sup>th</sup> generation, break the cycle of curse
- ▶ Genesis - You take what the enemy meant for evil and turn it for good